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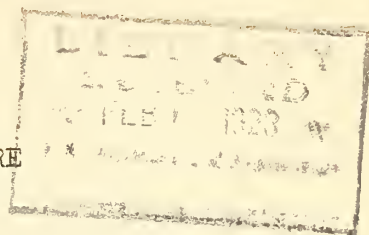
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Let the mixture stand several days, then shake well and scatter a few drops on weeds or ground 6 or 8 inches back of the place selected for the trap. Carefully conceal the trap, if possible near a trail which the wolves follow, so they will catch the scent as they pass. The farther from the trail the trap is set the greater will be the quantity of scent needed. A little of the scent should be rubbed on the trapper's gloves and shoe soles to conceal the human odor.

This bait attracts wolves only, but a similar bait, made from the secretions of coyotes, is equally effective to attract these animals. It is highly probable also that wildcats, lynx, and mountain lions will be attracted by bait prepared in a similar manner from their secretions.

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